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Please amend the paragraphs beginning at page 1, line 18 as follows:

As shown in Fig. 1, a VoIP router 11 is provided between a WAN (wide area network), a LAN (local area network), and a PBX (private branch exchange) 10. The VoIP router 11 converts data signals and audio signals into packets when the data signals are supplied from the LAN, and the audio signals are supplied from the PBX 10, and sends the packets to the WAN. When receiving data packets and audio packets from the WAN, the VoIP router converts these packets into data signals and audio signals, which are then supplied to the LAN and the PBX 10, respectively.

The VoIP router 11 establishes interface with the LAN, the WAN and the PBX 10.

In the VoIP router 11, there is a need to avoid making an audio frame ~~waiting~~ ^A ~~wait~~ until transmission of a packet to the WAN is finished where the packet may be such a long packet as that of FTP (file transfer protocol) or HTTP (hypertext transport protocol). To this end, such a long packet is divided, and audio packets are inserted therebetween. This is called fragmentation. The VoIP router checks an MTU (maximum transfer unit) size of the IP (Internet protocol) layer. When the router receives a packet having a size exceeding the MTU size, the router notifies, via ICMP (Internet control message protocol), the source of the packet that the excess size of the packet creates ~~error~~ ~~eros~~, and notifies the source how large the MTU size is. An apparatus at the packet source adjusts the packet size to the MTU size, and transmits packets having a shorter size.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 33 as follows:

The system of Fig. 3 is made up from points A through E that are connected to a WAN 100. In Fig. 3, points A, B, C, D, and E are additionally referenced by reference numerals 20A, 20B, 20C, 20D and 20E, respectively. The WAN 100 is comprised of dedicated lines, frame-relay networks, ATM networks, and the like. The point A is comprised of a PBX 21A, VoIP router 22A, a server 23, and a gatekeeper 24. The points B through E have an identical configuration, and include PBXs 21B through 21E, VoIP routers 22B through 22E, and personal computers 25B through 25E, respectively.

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